



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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SCHOOL BUS CRASH CHARGED

Hampton investigators have charged a 17 year old Hampton youth with reckless driving resulting in an accident which injured students riding on a school bus.

On January 3, 2005, at approximately 7:28 am, police responded to the intersection of Magruder Blvd and Nettles Lane to investigate a crash involving a Hampton City School bus. Arriving officers discovered the bus overturned in an adjacent ditch and several injured children. The driver of the second vehicle, a Honda Accord, was not injured.

The investigation indicates that the bus was transporting students to Machen Elementary School, located at 20 Sacramento Drive, when the operator of the Honda attempted to change directions. He passed the bus, changed lanes, and stopped with the rear end of the vehicle partially in the travel lane. The bus driver's evasive maneuver failed and the bus struck the passenger rear of the Honda. The bus began to slide and left the roadway resting in a ditch. Motorist and bystanders assisted emergency responders with removing the children from the bus and rendering first aid. The injuries received appear to be non life threatening.

Corporal Jimmie Wideman will receive questions about this release at 757-727-6638.

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